(c) if so, the reasons therefor and action plan of Government to speed up developmental activity and fill up all the senior posts in the Zone to make it a get-going?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir. All sanctioned works are progressing satisfactorily.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Double-stack container trains

449. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways plan to run double-stack container trains;

(b) if so, the routes where these trains would be introduced;

(c) whether this project would be undertaken with external help; if so, details thereof; and

(d) what is the percentage of savings in haulage and waiting time under this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) to (d) A feasibility study is in progress for the movements of double-stack containers to and from the ports on the West Coast namely Kandla, Pipavav and Mundra. The Report has not yet been submitted.

Use of old unused tracks

450. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways engages in using unused tracks and narrow tracks which can be brought to use either by using them for gauge conversion projects or if they are old and rusted they can be sent for polishing for reuse;

(b) if so, the length of tracks that were used in such a manner;

(c) if not, whether Government have plans to introduce the use of old unused tracks in this manner which will eventually save the Railways crores of rupees; and